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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides isolated polypeptide and nucleic acid sequences derived from *Staphylococcus epidermidis* that are useful in diagnosis and therapy of pathological conditions; antibodies against the polypeptides; and methods for the production of the polypeptides. The invention also provides methods for the detection, prevention and treatment of pathological conditions resulting from bacterial infection.